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**JURY FINDS OSCAR HIGUEROS JR. GUILTY
OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING OF A MINOR
AND MULTIPLE SEX CRIMES
AGAINST A VICTIM UNDER THE AGE OF 18**

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SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA, March 4, 2016 – A San Luis Obispo County Jury today found Oscar Higueros, Jr., 12-16-1975, a former volunteer fire fighter in Cayucos, guilty of human trafficking of a minor by using force or fear and guilty of twenty-four (24) additional crimes that include forcible rape, sodomy, and oral copulation against the same under age victim. Deputy District Attorney Greg Devitt stated, “I am thankful for all the hard work this jury did to bring this case to closure. These verdicts bring justice for the brave young woman who was the victim in this horrific case.” After the verdicts were delivered, District Attorney Dan Dow said, “These verdicts send a very clear message to anyone in, or passing through our county, that we will vigorously prosecute anyone who exploits children or any other human being in San Luis Obispo County.”

Higueros faces a maximum state prison term of 183 years and 8 months to life. Human trafficking of a minor by using force or fear requires a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years-to-life in state prison. Additionally, the law requires many of the other sex crimes to be served consecutive to the other crimes. “The San Luis Obispo County Sheriff’s Office and our entire prosecution team worked together in an amazing way to uncover and investigate this horrific crime. I am very proud of every member of our team that contributed to bring Oscar Higueros to justice,” said Mr. Dow.

The trial was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Greg Devitt who also prosecuted the recent Richard Scott Brooks human trafficking trial. Higueros is held without bail and will be sentenced in Department 4 of the San Luis Obispo County Superior Court at 1:30 p.m., May 9, 2015.

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